

THE BLACK BASS.

Mysterious Habits of the Fish That Puzzle the Naturalist.

Why the black bass bites on one day and refuses every bait the next; why he takes hellegrants and only hellegrants on Monday, grasshoppers on Tuesday and frogs on Wednesday, why he bites only on dark days for a fortnight and then shifts his biting humor to days bright and breezy; why you find him today on sandy bottom and tomorrow on mud and the day after on the rocks, are baffling traits of the bass that relate merely to his sporting relations with the angler. But there are other mysteries that puzzle the naturalist and bear on the organic life of the fish.

Up in Maine are two bass rivers not far apart. In one the fish run often to four, even to five, pounds; in the other rarely above a pound and a half. In one of the largest lakes of New Hampshire the writer's score for a whole season once ran up to 398 fish. Food was evidently abundant, for the bass were "chunky" and the viscera thick with fatty tissues. Yet the post-mortem showed in the stomach only glutinous, unrecognizable white matter, and the largest bass of the whole season drew the scales at but a pound and three-quarters. What did those bass live on, and why didn't they grow bigger? Again, in the uplands of Connecticut are two large lakes some eight miles apart. In one the bass are often caught in winter ice fishing; in the other lake almost never in winter, though in its open summer waters bass fishing is the better. Remembering that the bass are supposed to hibernates and in fairly deep waters, would not that fact argue in the late season of darker outward hues and deeper bronzes? Yet the head of a large bass hatchery has observed a silvery change of the bass at the approach of winter when his habit and habitat would imply the exact reverse. Such are a few of the anatomical enigmas of the black bass that make him and his paradoxes an interesting study for that open minded angler who blends the naturalist with the sportsman.—Collier's Weekly.

A Suspicion.
"What is a political rainbow chaser?"
"There are various kinds," replied Senator Sorghum, "although I suspect that most of them are more or less influenced by the legend that every rainbow has a pot of gold at the end of it."—Washington Star.

No Wonder.
The ancients thought the world was flat. You really can't see it at that. We'd not it flat, I dare to say. If we were living in their days, just think, they had no autos then, no show girls to delight the men, no pipes to smoke and no cigars. No cocktails served at handsome bars, no bridge to play and no pink teas, no liners speeding over the seas, no yellow journals and no flats, no women's monstrous picture hats, no tariff problem to attack, no gowns that button up the back, no end sent hogs with manners rude, no monkeying with the price of food, no ice bills, no cold storage eggs, no bunko steers and no yeggs, no trolley cars with clang and whir, no today to keep things afloat—say, is it any wonder that the ancients thought the world was flat?—Boston Transcript.

Worthy of Support.
Mr. Greathend—I shall run for reelection again next fall, and I presume I shall have your vote?
Citizen (dubiously)—Well—I—dunno.
"What, you don't know? Why, sir, I saved the taxpayers \$500,000 this year."
"Eh? How?"
"By not stealing it, of course,"—New York Weekly.

A PAIR OF GLOVES.
The Impudent Store People Wouldn't Take Them Back.
Mrs. Pinkerton's first question was about the gloves.
"Did you exchange them?" she asked.
"No," said Pinkerton, "I didn't."
"There," she complained, "I might have known you would forget it. How careless! I told you the very last thing before you left the house to be sure to attend to it. Really, I don't see how men can be so thoughtless."
"I didn't forget," said Pinkerton, "I tried to change them, but they wouldn't take the things back."
"Wouldn't take them back?" she said. "Why not?"
"They said they were soiled."
"Soiled? Well, of all things! If they are they got soiled in their own store. I didn't soil them. I have never had them on my hands. I couldn't get them on. They were half a size too small. They gave me the wrong number. Why didn't you tell them so?"
"I did."
"Whom did you tell?"
"The clerk and the floorwalker and everybody who would listen to me."
"And what did they say?"
"They laughed."
"The impudent creatures! I'll never buy a cent's worth in that store again, you see if I do."
"That's just what I said," Pinkerton put in. "I said you never would."
"And what did they say to that?"
"They laughed again."
"Well, that settles it. I never will buy anything there now. Where are the gloves?"
"In my pocket."
"Let me have them, please. Soiled, indeed! I'll see if they are."
Mrs. Pinkerton unwrapped the package. As she took out the gloves she blushed slightly.
"Well," she said.
"Well?" echoed Pinkerton. "What's wrong?"
"Nothing much," she said, "only this is an old pair of gloves. I cleaned them last week with gasoline. I made a mistake and sent them back instead of the pair I bought yesterday."—New York Herald.

SHORT LOCALS

Eggs, 20c; butter, 22c.

Sharp's for cut flowers, 8 N. Main. Gem Laundry, 7 N. Main St. Clough for sewing machines. Flowers and floral designs. Ahern's. Metzger, the up-to-date tailor.

Mr. Dwight E. Sapp went to Columbus this afternoon on business.

Mr. I. H. Forbing was in Columbus Monday afternoon on business.

Screen wire, black and rust proof in all widths. Woolson's Dept. store.

Miss Helen McNabb was a Columbus visitor Monday afternoon.

Mr. Robert M. Greer went to Cincinnati O., this afternoon on business.

Hammocks 98c and upward. Woolson's Department store.

Mr. Charles Copper went to Sandusky Monday where he was called by some business matters.

WANTED—Household. 300 N. Main.

Mr. L. A. Stream went to Fredericktown Monday morning to attend to some matters of business.

Miss Mattie Spohn is critically ill at her home on West Vine street and her recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. D. M. Dorsey of South Vernon went to Killbuck Monday morning to spend the day.

Mr. George C. Vail of East High street made a business trip to Newark Monday noon.

Ice cream freezers 98c and up. Woolson's.

Mr. Garfield Snow went to Loudonville Monday morning to attend to some business matters.

Mr. Edward Wing of Cleveland spent Sunday in the city the guest of relatives.

Screen doors 90c \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 complete. Woolson's store.

Miss Alice Black of Ohio City, Ohio, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Garbade.

Misses Ina and Lea Weary and Misses Clara and Cordelia Ardner spent Sunday at Newark and Buckeye Lake.

Mrs. J. H. Nichols and daughter, Mary, went to Mt. Vernon this morning to visit with relatives and friends for a few days.—Mansfield News.

Mrs. H. W. Raymond returned to her home in Zanesville Monday noon after spending Sunday with relatives in Mt. Vernon.

A full line of all sizes of mirrors and the biggest values ever offered. Whether you want a five-cent mirror or a \$10.00 one do not purchase until you see what they have at Arnold's.

Mr. Robert Lybarger of Akron was in the city Sunday called here by the serious illness of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Maria Russell.

Mr. Edgar Lawman of East Gambier street left Monday morning on several days' business trip to Fredericktown, Wheeling and Pittsburgh.

Young lady desires position doing housework in country. Address "B," banner office.

Mr. and Mrs. David McFarland and Miss Grace Thomas have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell at Columbus.

Miss Jessie Masterson at the party given by the Masonic Temple in Columbus on Saturday, June 4. Over 1,500 children were in attendance.

Come! Come! Attend the administrator's sale of fine oak mantles at Back's furniture store. West Gambier street.

Miss Florence Ewing spent Sunday in Granville, the guest of the Misses Grace Doup, Edna Hayes and Bernice Bennett, who are attending Dennison University.

Lawn mowers \$2.98 and up. Woolson's Department store.

Mrs. Otto Kerat and daughter, Ellen, and Miss Wilda Winterringer, went to Warsaw, Ohio, today to spend a few days with their sister, Mrs. Walter Parish.

Dr. F. C. Larimore left Monday evening for St. Louis, Missouri, where he will attend the meeting of the American Medical Association. Dr. Larimore will return to Mt. Vernon on Saturday.

Miss Anna Brenner returned to her home in Bellefontaine, Ohio, Sunday after spending several months at the home of Mrs. H. Lauderbaugh of East Chestnut street.

Adjustable window screens 15c. Woolson's store.

Mrs. J. F. Crowley of Lancaster spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon at the home of Mrs. Patrick Feeney, where Mrs. Crowley is making a several days' visit.

Those stunning bed room papers shown at Arnold's are sure to make you want new wall papers. And so cheap! It is surprising how little money is needed to decorate and freshen up a room, and nothing does so much to beautify the home as nice wall paper. New paper for 3c per bolt and up.

Judge J. B. Wright left last night for New York on legal business.

Croquet sets 69c to \$1.50. Woolson's Department store.

Mr. William Cary of Columbus spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon, the guest of relatives and friends.

The Mt. Vernon Grays were defeated by a score of 2 to 0 at Johnstown on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Lybarger of Columbus is spending several days with relatives in Danville.

Mr. Michael Sheedy spent Sunday in Cleveland the guest of Dr. W. A. Tims.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Church spent Sunday in Sunbury the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Birch of Millersburg spent Sunday in Danville, the guests of relatives.

Miss Rose Sapp of Mt. Vernon is spending several days with relatives in Danville.

Mr. Eugene Vail, who is attending school at Scioto, Ohio, spent Sunday at his home in Danville.

Mr. S. L. Nator of Danville spent Monday in Mt. Vernon attending to some matters of business.

Mr. Earl Sperry of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday in Danville.

Mr. Ward of Pittsburgh is spending several days in Gambier, the guest of his daughter, who is a student at Harcourt seminary.

Mr. Harry Smoots and Mr. Harry Koons left Monday morning for Toledo, where they will attend to some business matters.

Mr. Charles Hubbell, formerly of Mt. Vernon, returned to Columbus this afternoon after spending Sunday with friends in the city.

Sheriff Peter Parker went to Danville and Brink Haven Monday morning to attend to some business matters.

Hon. Lewis B. Houck was in Gallipolis, O., Sunday where he delivered a memorial address before the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Miss Ada Sheasby has resigned her position as operator in the Gambier telephone exchange after seven years of service.

Mr. Isiah Vernon, who resides in Gambier, has moved into the Doolittle flats where he will reside in the future.

Mr. Jesse Winterringer and Miss Helen Cosner of near Mt. Vernon spent Sunday in Brandon the guests of Miss Mary Behnour.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wilkins of Columbus are spending several days with Mrs. Wilkins' parents Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cullison in Danville.

Rev. J. H. Young of Tiffin, O., examining chaplain of the northern Ohio diocese, is in Gambier for the Dextley examinations.

Mr. George Vernon, formerly of Gambier, has moved his household goods to Mt. Vernon where he will reside in the future.

The Chester township Sunday school convention was held at the Baptist church in Cheesterville on Sunday evening.

The Children's day services at Friendship church on Sunday evening were largely attended. A good program was rendered. The offering amounted to \$11.15.

Miss Rhea Snow of East Hamtramck street went to Gambier Monday morning to attend the commencement exercises at Harcourt Place Seminary.

Mrs. George C. Vail and daughter, Lucile, and son, James, have returned to their home on East High street, after a several weeks' visit in Gaylord, Michigan, with relatives.

Mr. George Brooks of South Vernon, who was taken suddenly very ill at his home Saturday evening after eating some canned raspberries, is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Maria Russell, who has for the past several days been very ill at her home on West Chestnut street, has not improved and her condition is very critical.

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Mrs. Brook Ransom and Messrs. Paul and George Turner of this city spent Sunday in Columbus with Mr. Harry Turner who is a patient at Mt. Carmel hospital is that city.

Mrs. Lyons was taken from her home on West Vine street to the Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium on Sunday afternoon for treatment, in McCormick's ambulance.

Mrs. F. W. Platt, of Marion avenue, went to Gambier today to attend the commencement exercises Monday at Harcourt Place school and Dr. Platt will go Monday morning, their daughter, Miss Jeannette Platt, being among the graduates.—Mansfield News.

Mrs. Michael McDonough, Mrs. J. Kilduff, Mrs. Julia Rogers, Miss Nora McDonough, Mr. John Kilduff, Mr. M. J. Henegan, Mr. Paul V. Henegan and Mr. Patrick Henegan went to Marion, O., this afternoon to attend the funeral of Mr. Andy Henegan.

Miss Loney of Amity spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

Mr. Donald Rarey of Columbus spent Sunday with friends in Gambier.

Mr. Clarence Spearman of Columbus spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

Mr. Frank Moore was a Columbus visitor this afternoon.

Mrs. Harold Walker was a visitor in Columbus this afternoon.

Mr. George Berry spent Sunday in Gambier the guest of friends.

Miss Blanche Long of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday in Brandon, the guest of Miss Minnie Steiger.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and children of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with Mrs. Della Conaway of Brandon.

Mrs. Walter Sapp of Mt. Vernon is spending several days in Danville the guest of relatives.

Miss Beulah Van Horn of Centerburg spent Sunday with relatives in Danville.

Miss Eva Workman of Danville spent Sunday in Howard the guest of Mrs. Clarence Horn.

Miss Josie Trimble of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with relatives in Danville.

Miss Rhea Taylor has accepted a position as operator in the Gambier telephone exchange.

Mrs. Sara Reynolds of Columbus spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon, the guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Amy Welker of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Gambier.

Miss Josephine Doolittle of Mansfield is spending several days with relatives in Gambier.

Mrs. Platt of Mansfield is spending several days in Gambier, the guest of relatives.

Miss Helen Gardner of Albion, Michigan, is spending several days with relatives in Gambier.

Miss Elsie Wilcox of Akron is spending several days in Gambier, the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. Hawley of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday in Danville, the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Gilmore of Fredericktown spent Sunday with relatives in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bewald of Danville spent Sunday in Mt. Liberty, the guests of friends.

Mr. George Berry of this city spent Sunday in Gambier the guest of friends.

Messrs. Lewis F. West and William A. Wander were visitors in Columbus this afternoon.

OBSERVE

Children's Day With Appropriate Exercises

Children's day was observed at the Brandon M. E. church on Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and maple leaves for the occasion, which was a great success in every way. The church was filled to overflowing and the program was rendered as follows:

Song.
Recitation.
Class exercises.
Patriotic drill.
Cantata, Ten Virgins.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Emily Bedell
Mrs. Emily Bedell died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Bennett on East Front street Saturday evening at five o'clock after a short illness caused by heart trouble. She was a widow eighty-four years of age and is survived by three sons and one daughter. The funeral Monday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at the house, Rev. L. O. Newcomer officiating. Interment in Mount View cemetery.

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APT QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

Applicants for County Certificates Had to Answer Them.

EXAMINATION HELD JUNE 4, '10

Prepared by the State School Commissioner to Test the Mental Qualifications of Those Who Seek Positions as Teachers in the Public Schools.

Following is the list of questions as prepared under direction of the state commissioner of public schools, and submitted at the county examination for teachers, June 4, for elementary school certificates:

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

1. How do you manage your school at recess and at noon intermission? How far do you hold yourself responsible for the games that your pupils play? Why are you interested in the sports of the pupils?
2. The works of what leading educator have you studied most? What are some of his special teachings?
3. What are some of the cardinal rules underlying good school discipline? Describe how you obtain successful ends under one of these rules.
4. "Habit may be defined in terms of character." Interpret this fully as you understand it. What is the best aid in breaking up a bad habit?
5. Outline all the processes of the recitation. Discuss one of them.
6. Of what value are examinations? What harm may be done in their use? What can be said along the same lines on the subjects of tests and reports?
7. How does the study of psychology assist the teacher? Of what value is the Normal school? Shall a course at such a school be required of a beginner in teaching? Why so?
8. What school laws of recent enactment do you recall? Give one in detail.
9. Should every teacher be a high school graduate? Why so? How encourage the high school spirit in your elementary school?
10. Would you as a teacher sign a contract with your board of education for next year that asks you to renounce your rights to janitor's fees? That asks you to renounce your right to pay for attendance at the institute? Why not? Would it be a legal contract?

LITERATURE.

1. Write a quotation from some classic. Who wrote the classic? Give a short biography of this author. What does the whole selection treat of?
2. Make an outline of one of Shakespeare's plays that you think suitable to be taught in the grades. How much of this outline would you expect your class to know?
3. Name some of the historic writings of the Bible. Some of the poetic parts. Who are the authors of these? What can you say of their value to us at literature?
4. Make a list of patriotic songs or poems; name the author of each and give the circumstances under which each one was written.
5. Outline the career of Byron; name his writings and quote from two of them. Which of his writings was based upon his own life?
6. Describe briefly an American novel based upon Indian life. Who wrote it?
7. What can you tell of the "Deserted Village"? Of the "Chambered Nautilus"? Quote from either of them.
8. Enumerate some excellent selections taken from your readers. Name two that you would have your pupils commit to memory.
9. Who wrote "Marmion"? "Ben Hur"? "The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle"? "The Great Stone Face"? "Dixie"? "Essay on Man"? "Let's Shake"? "The Little Sandpiper"? "Ode to St. Cecilia's Day"? "Sheridan's Ride"?
10. Write about some book that you read this year. Give the author, or authors. Why did you read it? What is the greatest benefit that you have derived from reading it?

READING.

1. How can reading be made most effective in the ethical training of the pupil?
2. Who is or was Halley? Col. Francis Parker? The "Night Riders"? Charles E. Hughes? Hiram S. Maxim?
3. What four important results do you expect from the reading lesson?
4. Mention some supplementary reading that you have your geography class pursue. (Examiners may add other questions if they wish.)

ORTHOGRAPHY.

1. Define phonics and outline your methods of teaching the same.
2. Write six prefixes and six suffixes and give the meaning of each one.
3. Mark diacritically the letters of the following:
"But seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."
4. Give four or more uses of silent letters. Show these uses in words.
5. Give at least four uses of diacritical marks and at least four uses of accent. Show these uses in words.
6. Define the following words: peril, supremacy, surfeit, illiterate, precise, synonymous, efficient, schedule, pedagogy, belief.
7. Spell as the examiner pronounces: rehearsal, compel, shepherd's purse, vaccine, noticeable, boulevard, Parisian, tranquillity, azalea, Wassatch, aqueous, oxidize, finale, epithet, desuetude.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Write a 90-day note in your own favor, dated the same day as this examination, for the sum of \$720 drawing 8% interest. Discount it at bank at 6% on July 13th. What do you receive for the note?
2. A man pays \$175 a year for the

rent of a house worth \$2,000. Will he gain or lose, and how much, if he borrows money at 5% to purchase the house? Taxes, repairs and insurance amount to \$65 per year.
3. A guardian loaned 10/25 of a trust fund at 8%, and the remainder at 6%. The total interest received was \$72.80. What was the entire trust fund?
4. I borrowed one-half of A's money and three-fourths of B's money and then had \$60. If I received equal amounts from each one of them, how much did each have at first?
5. If 24 men in 12 days of 8 hours each dig a ditch 160 feet long, 5 1/2 feet wide, and 2 1/2 feet deep, what depth of ditch 180 feet long and 3 1/2 feet wide could be dug by 18 boys, if a boy does only two-thirds as much as a man?
6. A plot of ground the shape of an equilateral triangle contains 1082.5 square yards. A pole 120 feet high stands perpendicular at one of the angles. How far is it from the top of the pole to center of the base opposite the pole?
7. An apothecary bought by avoirdupois 2 pounds of quinine at \$2.40 per ounce, which he retails at 20 cents a scruple. What per cent does he gain?
8. What must be paid for 5 per cent bonds so as to realize 8 1/2 per cent on the investment?
9. What is the Metric System? Write the tables of weight, of long measure and of surface measure. Why is it held in so high esteem? Why is it not more generally used?
10. A can do a piece of work in 2 1/2 days, B in 3 1/2 days, and C in 4 1/2 days. \$6.00 is given for the whole work. If these three men work together, what will each receive for his share of the work?

UNITED STATES HISTORY, INCLUDING CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

1. Write fully of the service of France to the Americans during the American Revolution. How do you account for that friendship? Who are some of the leading Frenchmen in this matter?
2. How were the following foreigners prominent in American history: Frederick the Great? William Pitt? Sir Walter Raleigh? Napoleon Bonaparte? Maximilian?
3. Explain how a bill may become a law in the Ohio legislative process. Of what value is the veto? Who has this power?
4. Describe the Presidential Succession in detail and name those who would follow up in the correct order if those above were removed by death or otherwise.
5. Give the causes and results of the Mexican war. Which was the most far reaching result? Explain.
6. Write about the settlement of Maryland. Describe any difficulties with Virginia.
7. Who were "Forty-niners"? "The Ku Klux Klan"? "The Federalists"? "Wallons"? "Sons of Liberty"? "The Underground Railroaders"?
8. Name a great soldier, a great scientist, a great prose writer, a great poet, a great jurist, a great diplomat, a great teacher, a great financier, a great frontiersman, a great Indian, and a great statesman, all from Ohio. Describe an event in the life of either of the last three.
9. "The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 did more than any other single cause to bring on the Civil War." Give your reasons for believing, or disbelieving this statement.
10. Give an account of our acquisition and government of the Philippines. Of the Panama Canal territory. Name the men most influential in the early affairs of these two enterprises.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. "The valley of the La Plata will drive the United States out of the markets of the world for provisions and broad stuffs." Explain fully.
2. Which is farther north, Halifax or Chicago? Washington or San Francisco? Boston or Denver? Charleston, S. C., or Los Angeles?
3. Describe the Panama Canal in at least five important points.
4. How do you account for the location, size, different kinds of business, etc., of Naples? Of Baltimore? Of Santiago? Of Hamburg?
5. How does the geography affect the government of a country? The wealth of a country? The history of a country?
6. Locate a desert tract in each of the grand divisions and give the cause of the lack of rainfall. What are the uses of deserts?
7. Draw an outline map of the Mediterranean Sea showing the countries and chief ports upon its borders.
8. Name and locate the Asiatic and African colonies of Great Britain. Name and locate the foreign possessions of the United States.
9. Locate and tell for what noted: Niger, Kingston, Birmingham, Duluth, Tucson, Tananarivo, and Wexford. What flag floats over each one of these places?
10. Explain fully how you get the child to understand direction, valley, distance, latitude and longitude.

WRITING.

Write a negotiable check on your bank.

GRAMMAR.

1. Distinguish between a participle and a verb. Illustrate your distinctions in sentences.
2. Show the word "as" in all its different constructions. Diagram your sentence containing it as a relative pronoun.
3. Define nominative absolute, objective complement, predicate nominative, pleonasm, and idiom. Give examples of each in sentences.
4. Give the construction of all the words in the following sentence: She thought washing dishes to be disgraceful.
5. Express the same historical fact in (a) A simple sentence. (b) A compound sentence. (c) A complex sentence.
6. How does an infinitive differ from a participle? Illustrate.
7. What are three chief aims in the teaching of grammar? Upon which of these do you lay most stress? Why so?
8. Write a synopsis of the verb "grow" in both voices and in three tenses of any mode.
9. How may punctuation affect the meaning of a sentence? The analysis of a sentence? Illustrate fully.
10. Analyze or diagram, and give the construction of the italicized words: "If his labors are wholly free from mistake, which is, alas! a very rare case, —he has done no more than he ought, and, consequently, can merit only a comparative degree of commendation."

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